

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITIES.

Impressive Funeral of the Late Edward Johnson Whipple at Scottish Rite Cathedral—Notes of the Golden Cross.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson, No. 16, Monday, 10th; Federal, No. 1, Tuesday 11th; New Jerusalem, No. 9, Thursday, 13th; St. Johns, No. 11, Friday, 14th; Hope, No. 20, Friday, 14th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony, No. 17, Thursday, 13th. Blue-room—Arminius, No. 25, Monday, 10th; Acacia, No. 18, Tuesday, 11th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8, Tuesday, 11th; George C. Whiting, No. 22, Thursday, 13th.

Masonic Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No. 34, Monday, 10th.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Washington, No. 2, Thursday, 13th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 14th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix, Tuesday, 11th.

On Wednesday the Scottish Rite Cathedral was again, for the eleventh time since the first day of March, draped in mourning on account of the death of a member of the Rite. At 9 o'clock in the forenoon the remains of Brother Edward Johnson Whipple, 33d degree, were brought to the Cathedral where they were received by the Guard of Honor detailed for that purpose, and placed in the center of the three lights representing the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. Around each light was a mass of white lilies and palms. The chairs of the officers were draped in black and the palms and lilies so arranged about them as to make them look like bowers. Heavy festoons of black hung all around the balconies and walls, and midway between the seat of the Master and the casket was a triangular altar upon which incense was burnt. All day long guards in the uniform of the Masters of the Royal Secret, were stationed at the casket and were not withdrawn until the Chapter of Knights Rose Croix entered the Cathedral to perform their funeral service. Precisely at 4:15 p. m. the Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix was called to order in the chapter chamber and formally opened, and performed that part of their duty which was of a private nature and to which none were admitted who had not attained the 18th degree. At the conclusion of this part, the detail to take part in the public service, marched in full uniform into the Cathedral, and halting at their stations remained standing until the Master, who entered last, passed through their lines and reached his seat in the east. Then with a single blow of his gavel he seated all present and the service commenced. The Potomac Lodge, of Georgetown, were seated on the south side of the room, and their Master was by order of the Master of the Chapter, invited to and accepted a seat in the east on the right, the post of honor in a Scottish Rite body, and one that is seldom occupied by a Master Mason only. The music rendered as the service progressed was excellent. The choir was present in force. Toward the close of the service the Master deposited on the casket in accordance with the requirements of the Ancient Mysteries, and finally scattered cut roses all over it till they filled the top of the casket and fell around on the floor, where they lay in profusion. The officers who took part in the service were: William Oscar Roome, 33d degree, Worthy Master; Joseph C. Taylor, 33d degree, Senior Warden; Abner T. Longley, 33d degree, Junior Warden; Alex. H. Holt, 33d degree, Master of Ceremonies. The detail for guard duty consisted of: First relief—Edward W. Wouchby, Anderson, 33d degree; James Hays Trimble, 33d degree; Henry Hoffa, 33d degree; Charles Statler Hyer, 33d degree. Second relief—Edward Mott Willis, 33d degree, Samuel Hamilton Walker, 33d degree; David Miller Crider, 33d degree; Jacob Davis Herrington, 33d degree.

At the conclusion of the Rose Croix service the casket was formally turned over to Potomac Lodge, by whom it was conveyed to the cemetery, where the service of the 3d degree was rendered by the Master of that lodge. The pallbearers consisted of the second relief of the Scottish Rite Guard of Honor and Malcolm Seaton, 17th degree, and Francis Hyde Barbin, 14th degree, detailed by Potomac Lodge, and F. Storch and F. Turkenton detailed by Potomac Chapter.

That bright contingent of Shriners, whose reputations as inventors of novel ideas are without parallel in Shrine circles, have been appointed to manage the excursion of Almas Temple to-morrow (Monday) evening, the 10th instant. It will be one of the pleasantest Masonic social affairs of the season. The committee is headed by Noble Leonard C. Wood, who is a past master in the science of entertaining. His nearest friend on the card is Past Master George H. Walker, while the thoughtful and serious Abram Frey has been specially delegated to watch over the interests of the ladies. Jesse Grant to assist. Last, but not least, of this well-balanced committee appears the name of the Recorder, Noble John H. Olcott. The Shrine will carry a party to Marshall Hall whose merriment will wake the echoes of the old Maryland mansion. As usual, the Shrine will be generous in divulging its mysteries, and as soon as the boat lands at Marshall Hall a complimentary degree will be conferred upon the ladies, during which many of the Shrine secrets will be given dead away. There will also be complimentary favors distributed among the ladies. On the boat going and returning refreshments will be served free of cost to the guests, and an attractive dancing programme will finish the evening in the pavilion.

Noble and Brother Aaron Baldwin has dropped these endearing titles for the past week and will in his military character as an aide on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Vessey, of the U. S. A., be addressed as colonel. The genial doctor has determined that the veterans will march up Pennsylvania avenue in grand parade just one year from this writing, and the unwary delegate who is button-holed by the Treasurer of the Shrine will know more about Washington in that one short interview than if he had resided here since the fall of Richmond.

Mithras Lodge on Tuesday conferred the fourteenth degree in the cathedral upon a class of six. The attendance was large. The music incidental, was rendered by the Scottish Rite Choir.

Sir Knight W. E. Colladay, who was born just too late for available service during the

war but has since developed considerable martial vigor and gained quite a reputation as a soldier in one of Washington's crack military organizations, went with the other veterans to Detroit whence he will go to his home in Wisconsin to collect a few more anecdotes to replenish his never-failing store and to take a summer rest among his relatives and boyhood friends.

Friday evening Columbia Commandery conferred the Red Cross on a very large class of candidates, the degree being rendered by the officers in their usual admirable manner. Sir Knight Pitts, the Recorder, announces that the escort to Most Eminent Sir John P. Giblin, Grand Master Templar, will be St. John's Commandery, No. 4, of Philadelphia, the acceptance of this honor by the Grand Master occurring only a few hours after the close of the Grand Encampment in this city. The committee of Columbia Commandery as at present constituted, to make arrangements for the trip to Denver, is composed of the council officers, the Recorder and Past Commander Myron M. Parker.

Harmony Lodge No. 17, will confer the first and second degrees Thursday evening..... Potomac Chapter No. 8, will confer the Mark degree Tuesday evening..... La Fayette Chapter No. 5, will confer the Mark degree Tuesday evening..... Hope Lodge No. 20, will confer the second degree Friday evening..... St. John's Lodge No. 11, will confer the first and 2d degrees Friday evening.

Golden Cross Notes.

Goodwill Commandery to-morrow evening at Scottish Rite Hall will confer the degrees. Appropriate action will be taken on the death of the late Sir Knight Edward J. Whipple..... National Commandery to-morrow evening at Harris' Hall, will also confer the degrees..... Columbia Commandery Tuesday evening at the Fifth Congregational Church, will conclude the installation of officers, and confer degrees..... At the regular meeting of Mount Vernon Commandery on Monday evening, Noble Commanders J. H. A. Fowler presided. Application for membership was received from Miss Sarah Keating. Sir Knights Fowler and Venable and Lady Clara E. Lewis were appointed the Committee on the Library. Sir Knight Venable announced that Messrs. G. P. Putnam Sons had donated to the library a full set of the works of Washington Irving, and the thanks of the commandery was voted to the publishers..... At the last regular meeting of St. John's Commandery, Noble Commander E. R. Barbour presided. Remarks on the Good of the Order were made by Grand Commander Ehle, and Sir Knights W. E. Graham, W. W. S. Dyre, Clarence Newman, and others..... At Anacostia Commandery on Wednesday evening, Noble Commander Stephen Simons presided. Application for membership was received from Mrs. Mary A. Mockabee. The following officers were installed by Grand Commander J. N. Ehle, assisted by Past Grand Commander Marguerite McCutchen, and Deputy Grand Herald W. H. Pope; Noble Commander, Thomas J. Fennell, Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Nellie C. Otterback; Noble Keeper of Records, James H. Dony; Financial Keeper of Records, D. C. Smithson; Treasurer, George P. Pyles; Worthy Herald, Mrs. Eliza P. Watson; Warden Inner Gate, Mrs. Mary I. Simonds; Warden Outer Gate, Charles F. Watson; Past Noble Commander, Stephen Simonds. Under the Good of the Order speeches were made by Grand Commander Ehle, Noble Commander Putnam, Sir Knights Simonds, Watson, Venable, and others. Miss Isora Patterson sang, with fine effect, "In Old Madrid," and "A Leaf from the Spray;" Miss Eleanor Simonds sang in a pathetic manner, "Love's Old Sweet Song," and gave a beautiful recitation, "The Last Hymn;" Miss Flora Etzel recited the humorous piece "Pat and the Pig." Visitors were present from Goodwill, St. John's, Meridian, Capital, National and Mount Vernon commanderies..... At the regular meeting of Halcyon Commandery on Friday evening last, Noble Commander W. S. Stetson presided. Under the good of the order Sir Knight W. H. Pope of Goodwill Commandery gave a reading, "The Gay Person," and Sir Knight James W. Loveless gave a baritone solo. Remarks were made by Noble Commander Stetson, Sir Knights Jos. Trainor, R. D. Meston, James S. Sharp, Thomas Humphrey, George H. Cline, M. S. Venable and others. Visitors from Goodwill and Mount Vernon commanderies were present.

SOME LONDON JEWELS.

Black Pearls Worn by the Countess Tolstol the Most Valuable.

Spare Moments.

The best-known pearl necklace in London is that of the Countess Tolstol. The stones are not only large and perfect in shape, but nearly black in color, a peculiarity which, though some will think it does not add to beauty, is, by reason of its rarity, exceptionally valuable. The Baroness Henry de Worms, wife of the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, also has a notable necklace—of diamonds. There will presently be in the field a new competitor, the contest being the more interesting since the new-comer is a connection by marriage of the Baroness de Worms. The necklace is not new, though it has not been seen in London drawing-rooms for some years. It was the property of the late Countess of Orkney, and was a present to her from her first husband, Baron de Samuel, a peer of Portugal.

The necklace is in three rows, and contains in all 190 pearls, many of large size. The Countess left the necklace to her son, Mr. Arthur De Vahl, and Mrs. De Vahl will, in the coming season, be the envied wearer of the priceless "ropes."

Proposed Tests of Culture.

Phila. Times.

The chemist Liebig proposed to measure the standard of civilization by the consumption of soap—a criterion which would put the inhabitants of North Holland at the head of all civilized nations. As a more reliable test Edmund About suggested the sale of steel pens; the Socialist, Bebel, the frequency of reform meetings; Dr. Bernard, the use of undergarments (a luxury unknown to the semi-civilized tribes of Asia and South America); Professor Ebers, the sale of postage stamps. The mileage of railroads per hundred square miles of territory might do in comparing countries of equal density of population, but otherwise would put Belgium too unfairly ahead of California, and even of New England.

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IN YORK'S OLD MINSTER.

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ornate twin towers, its beautiful doors, its musical chiming, all united make old York Minster one of the most fascinating cathedrals in the world. One is seized with a feeling of reverence and awe at its sight, and as he stands in the presence of this monument of religious zeal, blackened and worn by the ravages of time he is filled with a spirit of humility and devotion. As the hands of the clock in the great tower reach the appointed hour the chimes send forth their sweet tones over the quiet city—chimes that are neither gay nor sad, chimes that for centuries have pealed forth their melody over the city of York in times of peace and in times of war, in want and in plenty, in sickness, in sorrow, and in death, in adversity and in prosperity, to the rich, to the poor, to the mourner and to the merry-maker, to the young and to the aged, to the saint and to the sinner, to the native and to the stranger, day after day, week after week, year after year, and century upon century have these chimes, unaffected by the shifting scenes below, faithful to their trust, with dignity, simplicity and reverence, reminded all within reach of their prophetic tones of the uninterrupted, onward march of Time. To me no music is more sacred, no melody more divine, no harmony more heavenly than the clear resonant notes of the cathedral chimes. If life is monotonous and devoid of interest the chimes remind us that it will not always last. If vexation, temptation, and petty annoyances assail us the chimes should remind us that existence is too brief to waste in trifles. If success and fame should fall to our lot the chimes should teach us how insignificant and unsatisfactory are all these things. If we are disappointed in our aims and ambitions, if we have been wronged, or if the world has been cold and cruel the chimes will remind us that the peace and quiet of the grave are not far distant. How restful, how peaceful and serene is the scene presented by a little village at sunset when the cathedral chimes send forth their melodious blessings and the Great High Priest, the God of Day, enfolds in his last rays the simple homes of the peasants! I have never beheld a more beautiful sight nor been filled with a deeper feeling of devotion as on one occasion when at sunset I chanced to be in a little Alpine village. The streets were filled with peasants and the setting sun was shedding his last golden rays over the hamlet and reflecting on the rude houses the rich shades of the surrounding woods. I was standing on a corner watching the honest-faced peasants attending to their wares and exchanging greetings when the chimes in the old cathedral tower pealed forth. With the first note every peasant crossed himself and assumed an attitude of reverence. What a simple and impressive sight was presented in this little Swiss hamlet! A spirit of the deepest devotion seemed to pervade the whole valley. Everything was silent save the clear holy tones of the cathedral bells. The mountain tops up the river and the riverbeds themselves seemed to be reverberated them from side to side and from peak to peak till they died away in the distance. What restful moments were these! What simple faith! What a source of strength. What a beautiful sight! I shall never forget it.

The interior of York Minster is even more attractive and imposing than the exterior. The massive columns, the grand organ, the beautiful chapel, the altar, the rich windows, the groined roof, the sacred paintings, the memorial tablets are all well worth seeing. While standing at one end of the nave the choir boys entered at the opposite door. They were immaculately surpliced, and as they passed under the vast arches of the vaulted roof and along the spacious aisles singing in rhythmic measure a minor strain pillar and wall caught up the plaintive air and repeated each clear childish note till the gloomy old cathedral walls forth their solemn song from every chink, nook and corner. As the bright-faced, rosy-cheeked boys came on their voices became louder and louder and suddenly, when near the centre of the church, the key changed to a major and the glad joyful strains now seemed to banish with one magic note the gloom and sadness that erstwhile filled the air. But the sunshine was again changed to shadow, and as the boys approached the exit they once more took up the sorrowful wall of the minor strain, and as the last sad echo died away the wonted solemnity and gloom settled over what magnificent interior! In these vast cathedrals one's voice sounds strange, weird and uncanny. The effect of light streaming in through one of these multi-colored windows produces grotesque shapes on the stone floor and is often highly fantastic. Once inside, the outside world seems to be far away. We are in a land of shadow— weird, picturesque, gloomy and uncanny. The sensation one experiences on first entering is peculiar. We seem to have left the world, its activity and life at the door. Our feet seem to wander on a strange and unacquainted. All is so secluded and solemn, without rather fascinating. Leaving one of these places is like awakening from a strange dream, and when we step out into the broad glare of the sun and hear the rattle, confusion and bustle of active every-day life we are inclined to rub our eyes and ask if we have been asleep. As we were now fairly into the world and of the world worldly, returned and took a last look at magnificent, imposing, majestic, grand, gloomy York Minster, to me one of the most fascinating of cathedrals. We took a walk on the city walls to Micklegate bar, an old entrance, where we descended in search of a restaurant. After a refreshing lunch we continued our journey to London.

"Well, what are you doing now,—some more literary effusions, I suppose. My advice to you about your writing is similar to someone's advice to a young man about to get married."

"And what was that?"

"Don't."

And then Smith, for he has just entered the room, takes up some of the manuscript of this letter and reads. After a few pages he speaks: "It seems to me you are rather frank about some things. If we did only pay eighteen cents for a room in York last year it doesn't follow that you must publish it in a newspaper."

He explained that it made the letter more personal, and he adds: "Yes, painfully so. If that is your object you might make a few extracts from your confidential correspondence, give the date and amount of your last dun, publish your salary and trustfully confide to the public ear your aims, ambitions and plans for the future. By thus unburdening yourself of your innermost secrets you might even make your letter a little more personal than you have." He then asked if I didn't think the "spirit of devotion" was rather prominent in my so-called "rhetorical flights," and referred to Mr. Webster on numerous occasions. He considered the passages relating to my feelings of "reverence" and "devotion" fine examples of sarcasm and then wanted to know how much I had to pay THE HERALD to publish my letters. He referred to my penmanship as "unintelligible hieroglyphics," and doubted even the ability of an editor to read them. Smith never flatters.

ALVA SIGEL ROUSE.

PHOSPHORESCENCES.

Physical Nature and Internal Condition of Gases.

Good Words.

Of all the exciting causes of luminosity none is more powerful or more remarkable in its action than electricity. A discharge of electricity sent through a rarefied gas is attended by a glow the color of which is often characteristic of the particular gas; and not infrequently the gas continues to give out light for some time after the apparent cessation of the electrical action. By reason of the beauty and the remarkable appearance of striae, or dark and light spaces, arranged in a symmetrical manner in the track of the glow and round the poles, together with other manifestations, these phenomena have been the occasion of much observation and study on account of the light they are calculated to throw upon the physical nature and internal constitution of gases, and on the manner in which their molecules behave under the influence of electricity and magnetism.

The phenomena observed in gases in conditions of extreme tenuity have been especially studied by Mr. Crookes. Under these circumstances the tube or vessel containing the highly-rarefied gas, if of soda glass, phosphoresces with a yellowish green light, due to the impact of the rapidly-moving molecules on the surface of the glass, and round the negative pole in the tube is a dark space with a luminous boundary, due probably to the collisions of the molecules among themselves. This molecular bombardment is capable of affording some of the most striking and beautiful examples of phosphorescence with which we are acquainted.

Substances which are phosphorescent under ordinary conditions glow with the greatest brilliancy when submitted to the negative discharge in these highly attenuated gases. Calcium phosphorus shines with all the splendor induced by strong sunshine. Under the same circumstances the diamond, especially that from the South African fields, phosphoresces with a brilliant light blue color. Diamonds from other localities were found by Mr. Crookes to shine with all varieties of color, such as bright blue, pale blue, apricot, red, yellowish, green, orange, and bright green. A green diamond when phosphorescing in a good vacuum gave out almost as much light as a candle, and the different faces of the natural crystalline forms were found to glow with different shades of color.

The ruby, which is practically almost pure alumina, phosphoresces with a full rich red. A number of rough rubies in a high vacuum glow, when the molecular discharge plays upon them, as if they were red-hot and with an illuminating effect almost equal to that of the diamond under the same conditions. The color of the ruby has apparently little or nothing to do with the phenomena; pure white alumina rubies of a pale reddish yellow and some of the "pigeon blood" color all emit practically the same deep red glow. The artificial rubies of Messrs. Fremy & Fell, which are of the same chemical nature as the natural stone, behave in precisely the same way when subjected to the discharge in a sufficiently high vacuum, showing that in this as in all other respects the natural and artificial rubies are identical in character. The sapphire, however, which in chemical composition differs but slightly, if at all, from the ruby, gives out a bluish-gray light, while the emerald glows with a fine crimson-red color.

THE SLAUGHTER OF OUR GAME.

European Thrift Contrasted With Our Wasteful Recklessness.

Philadelphia Times.

North America is the only country of the world where large game has been entirely exterminated on a large area of woodlands. In the Ardennes, between France and thickly settled Belgium, there are still deer, wild hogs and wolves. Large packs of wolves still roam the forests of Transylvania (northern eastern Austria), of Russia and northern Turkey, of Spain, Portugal and the French Pyrenees. Bears and lynxes still abound in Sweden and Norway, as well as in Russia and the upper Alps; the forests of southern Germany harbor wild cats and black-cocks; the European congeners of the American turkey—besides grouse, fallow deer and badgers.

Hardly a single specimen of the animals and birds named now survive in the 200,000 square miles constituting the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, and Eastern Kansas—all countries where only a hundred years ago game was so abundant that the rural storekeepers generally refused to exchange dry goods for venison. A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal estimates that in the extermination of the once countless swarms of wild pigeons alone some five thousand tons of gunpowder must have been blazed away in the course of the last fifty years.

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